

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Praise to you, generous God, for turning the wheel of each seasons to bring us new and fresh delights. As we watch swallow and martin line up on the wire to fly south and wasps feasting on ripe fruit, may we give thanks for the last of the summer sun and for the riches of early autumn. Ripen your love in us so that we too may come to fruition. Help us learn how to let go of the old and welcome the new, trusting as you to turn the wheels of our lives.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

It is encouraging to read of people in Ashbocking meeting informally to share their Christian faith (see the Ashbocking notes). There are also two groups in Otley, one at the Clarks' (Otley Bottom) led by Jane Wood on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 2pm, and one at the Upsons' (Spring Park) led by James Hall on the first and third Wednesdays at 8pm. None of these groups is exclusive to Ashbocking or Otley and anyone wishing to explore and share their faith will be welcome.

We talk and discuss a wide range of issues and topics. See below for the Ashbocking groups. At the moment the Monday group in Otley is looking at prayers in the Bible. The Wednesday group will try out new material from the diocese. We are all very relaxed and enjoy the fellowship of meeting together, as well as the hospitality and refreshments provided by our hosts. We are quite flexible about finishing times and allow time for prayer and fellowship as well as study and discussion. All groups would be very pleased to welcome new people, so don't be surprised if you are invited.

Anyone who has attended such a group will know how valuable they are in strengthening our faith, by allowing us to share our experiences of God with others and to ask questions about the Bible, Christianity and the church in a non-threatening, non-churchy and friendly

environment. If we are serious about growing deeper in God, then such groups are essential. Do join one.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

With the holiday season upon us it has been a much quieter month in Ashbocking. The harvest is well under way with the farmers working extremely hard out in the fields. This brings me to Swilland and Ashbocking's Harvest Barn Dance on the 26th September, 6-10pm at the Henley Community Centre. There is ample parking well away from the road and the price of the ticket includes a two course meal. A bar is available for drinks and dancing is to Inertia Reel. We should have lots of fun. Tickets are £8 (adult), £4 (child), and £22 (family - 2adults and 2 children under 16). Flyers and tickets are now available and will be delivered shortly. If you wish to reserve tickets please contact Ann Kent for Swilland 785262 or Linda Pollard for Ashbocking 890836.

The sponsored bike ride, or walk, is just around the corner. This is in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which has helped so many churches with grants for repairs. The event is in its 34th year and takes place on Saturday 12th September from 9am to 5pm. Sponsorship forms are available from John Pollard on 890836. Please phone him and he will make sure you receive yours. It's a fun day out, individually or in groups and an opportunity to visit some lovely churches and meet other cyclists along the way. Many churches offer refreshments and I will be in Ashbocking church to welcome visitors and offer drinks.

Catherine's Christian discussion group commences again on the 7th September 7:30pm, at Sarah and Steve Wilson's home, Eastbrook House, The Green, Ashbocking. (Nelson Close end of the village on the left hand side coming from the cross-roads). New members welcome, enquiries please to Catherine Beaumont on 07801342336.

Jan and Jon Bates also re-commence their house group in September, details below.

Linda Pollard

ASHBOCKING HOMEGROUP

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10.00am till 12.00

We meet to study scripture, to pray & to discover together "that for which Christ Jesus has taken hold of us". (Philippians 3:12)

Sept. Wednesday 2nd and 16th

Oct. Wednesday 7th and 21st

Nov. Wednesday 4th and 18th

Dec. Wednesday 2nd

At 4 The Cottages, Ashley Grange, Ashbocking IP6 9JH

Call Jan or Jon Bates for more information: 892605

CLOPTON

We hope that everyone has enjoyed some sun and holiday. We send good wishes to all those starting a new school or class, and to those going to university or embarking on a new career.

Dates for September

Wednesday 2nd - Hobbies and Chat. 10am until noon in the village hall. Everyone welcome.

Friday 11th at 7.30 - Peter Driver will be giving an informative and light-hearted talk in the village hall with slides entitled "It's a Grave Business" £2.50 with refreshments. All proceeds to East Anglian Children's Hospice. Phone 737602 for details

Saturday 12th - Carrie Ashard and John Brooks will be getting married in Clopton Church. We send our best wishes for many happy years together.

Saturday 12th - 9am until 5pm. Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride. No riders for Clopton so far!!

Wednesday 16th - from 10am until noon. Coffee-morning in the village hall hosted by Jenny Vince. Do come and join us.

Sunday 27th in the church. Come and celebrate harvest!! Bacon butties, tea and coffee will be served at 9 o'clock followed by the service at 9.30am led by Clare Sanders. Everyone should have had a personal invitation so we hope that you can come and join us.

Doris Main

Church cleaning

Church flowers

Beryl Birchmore

Charmaine Williams

OTLEY

Getting back to some routine after the holidays, we have the Otley Village Show on 12th September, starting at 2.30pm. There are classes for the heaviest marrow and the longest cucumber (despite the lack of rain!), a bouquet of garden flowers and a table decoration to celebrate '40 years of Otley Scouting'. Cookery classes include home-made pizza, fruit scones and a bottle of home-made cordial. There are classes for paintings, photographs and craftwork, and - for the children - paintings, drawings and items made from loom bands, to name but a few. So there really is something for everybody and we are hoping for lots of entries in this traditional village event. Entry forms are available from the Post Office (or Vanessa Ling tel. 890787 or Helen Quilliam tel. 890594) and they must be returned there at the latest by 6.00pm on Wednesday 9th September, or earlier if possible. Exhibits must be in place by 10 o'clock on the morning of the show, and this year you can look up 'Otley Village Show' on Facebook and the website is <http://www.otleyshow.moonfruit.com>

Also on 12th September is the Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Sponsorship forms are available in the church or from James Hall (tel. 785251), you choose your own route to as many churches and chapels as you like, and the sponsorship money is divided equally between the SHCT and the church of your choice. James is also

looking for recorders, who can be sponsored too, to check cyclists in at the church. Last year the Bike Ride in Suffolk raised £140,000, which is the main source of funding for SHCT's grants to restore and repair parish churches and chapels.

We shall again be holding a coffee-morning at Church House for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 25th September, from 10 am. This year the money we raise will go towards the Woodbridge committee's project of providing a five-chair chemotherapy treatment bay for the new Woolverstone Macmillan Centre at Ipswich Hospital, which is urgently needed. We all know people (and have close friends) affected by cancer, so I am asking our loyal supporters to be as generous as ever. This is the 25th anniversary year of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, and our 12th, so let's really go for it. You will all be very welcome.

The normal monthly coffee-morning will be held on Thursday 24th September at 10 Spring Park, the home of Nigel and Pauline Crowley, and they look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to William and Bindya Chilvers on their marriage in August. They were married in a Hindu ceremony at the Hari Krishna temple near Watford and then had a service of blessing here at Otley, both very colourful events. We wish them a long and happy life together.

We are sad to report the death of Geoff Cant. Since his wife Cath died in 2013, he had been living in Swiland with his daughter Pauline and latterly in Deben House, Woodbridge. He was born at the Chestnuts in Helmingham Road and spent most of his life in the village, settling at Highlands, Church Road with Cath soon after their marriage. Their wedding day in 1960 also saw the formal opening of Otley village hall. Geoff had been one of the stalwarts in its building and served on Otley Community Council from then until very recently. He was a parish councillor here for many years and a prominent member of the Bowls Club. He and Cath set up the Otley short-mat bowls club and both were committed members of the Woodbridge

motorcycle club. He could always be relied on for hands-on help and practical advice. His tall, lean figure was a familiar sight in Otley and many people attended his funeral to pay their respects. We send sympathy to all his family.

Good luck to everybody returning to school or college, or starting at a new one at the beginning of the academic year.

Rose Rogerson

Village diary:

3rd September	Friendship Club - barbecue
12th September	Otley Village Show
17th September	Friendship Club - outing to Southwold
18th/19th/20th September	Scouts 40th anniversary camp
20th September	FFY car-boot sale

Church Flowers

Sue Wilkins/Joan Parish

Cleaning Rota

Pauline Crowley/Ruth Farnhill

Sidepersons' Rota:

September 6 th	11.00am	Family Service	Ruth Farnhill
September 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pauline Crowley
September 27 th	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Richard Treloar

Otley Youth Club (FFY)

Our next car-boot sale is on 20th September 2015 from 9am - 12 (sellers from 8am) at Otley village hall. £5 per pitch no need to book. Ring 890269.

We shall be very sad to lose Michelle Boreham, who has decided to retire from her role as our paid youth-leader in October. She has faithfully and patiently served FFY since its inception and deserves considerable thanks for the success of the club. We need someone to replace her in planning and supervising the twice-monthly meetings on Wednesday evenings, so please let Jane Hall 785251) know if you are interested or if you know someone who may be suitable for the role.

Otley and District Gardening Club

The 2014/15 season came to a successful close with two very enjoyable garden visits. On a May evening some 30 members and friends were treated to a guided tour of The Walled Garden, at Benhall near Saxmundham, by our newly-appointed club patron Matthew Tanton-Brown. A long-time friend to the club, Matthew showed us behind the scenes at a proper commercial nursery, and gave us an idea of the plans for its future development.

Our last club occasion for the summer was a fascinating daytrip to the Capel Manor Gardens in Hertfordshire, which turned out to be a revelation to most of us, who hadn't heard about them before. There really was something to see for everyone here, the horticultural college students having created over 60 domestic-scale gardens of immense variety in authentic settings reminiscent of the Chelsea show, as well as the more conventional landscape gardens and numerous trials plots as seen at other open gardens.

After the summer break we start the 2015/16 season with our first meeting at the village hall on Monday 5th October, featuring a talk on container gardening by invited speaker Richard Ford. All are welcome.

Alan Trevelyan

SWILLAND

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 20th September at 11 a.m. - the theme will be Celebrating Swilland. We are inviting people to bring examples of what they are good at, for example sewing, gardening, woodwork etc. We shall also celebrate our traditional harvest themes.

BARN DANCE - 26th September - Henley Village Hall from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets: Adults £8 Children £4 Family of four £22 (to include supper) available from Ann Kent or Linda Pollard. This is a joint social event with Ashbocking and not a fund-raiser. Dancing will be to Inertia Reel.

CHRISTMAS DRAW - Saturday 12th December. Tickets will be available from the beginning of October.

Ann Kent

Flower Rota:

6th – 13th September

Margo Barker

20th – 27th September

Ann Kent

RAINFALL – July

The heatwave at the beginning of the month set the pattern for a warm July with very little rain until the 25th, when over the next two days we had a total of 2 inches. It is very unusual for this quantity of rain to fall in such a short period of time, but it was nothing compared to the 4 inches that fell in Lowestoft and resulted in severe flooding in parts of the town. It was fortunate for those who had just completed the barley harvest and cleared up the straw bales before this rain came, as there is nothing worse than having to deal with a large quantity of wet straw. July finished up with a total of 3 inches, the highest monthly total this year, making the figure for the year so far 12.26 inches.

Russell Ling

DEBENHAM GROUP PRACTICE

Appointments

Despite previously mentioning the problem of patients who make an appointment and then fail to attend (and also fail to contact the surgery to cancel their appointment so that this can be offered to another patient), we continue to incur a substantial amount of wasted clinical time for our doctors, nurses and healthcare assistants. In July 2015, there was a staggering 171 appointments (47hours) that were wasted/lost due to patients failing to attend for their appointment. If you make an appointment and then either no longer need it or are unable to attend, can you please contact the surgery to let us know, so that the appointment can then be offered to someone else who does need it.

2015 Flu Dates

If you are a patient at the Debenham Group Practice and are 65 or over, or suffer from heart disease, asthma, diabetes or renal disease, have a reduced immune system, are a carer or are pregnant we recommend that you have a flu vaccination. Our Flu Clinic dates for 2015 are:

Tuesday 22 September 9.00am – 3.00pm Debenham
Community Centre - walk in clinic (no appointment needed)

Wednesday 7 October 9.00am - 12.00noon Grundisburgh
Surgery - appointment required

Saturday 17 October 9.00am - 12.00noon Otley Surgery -
appointment required

Steve Bloomfield - business manager

PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH – a tribute to Edith Cavell

In September 1915, at the height of the battles in Belgium and Flanders, a British nurse working in a Belgian hospital was arrested by the Germans and charged with treason.

Edith Cavell had resided and worked in Belgium for seven years after training at the London Hospital in Whitechapel (now the 'Royal London') and working in several hospitals in England. Now, as the brutal conflict raged around her and the German army occupied most of Belgium, she determined to do all she could to save the lives of those caught up in the fighting, whatever their nationality. She provided shelter and medical care for Germans, Belgians, French and British troops. In the latter two cases she also – and this was the core of her offence – assisted them in escaping from areas occupied by the German forces and making their way back to their homelands.

Her motivation for this was entirely Christian. The daughter of a vicar, she had enthusiastically embraced the faith for herself, and now saw that the time had come to put the principles of the gospel to practical effect. Her own home became a secret staging post for escapees, but she did this not to 'take sides' but out of concern for the young men involved. She took a high view of her vocation as a nurse, seeing it as a calling that transcended racial and national barriers. For her,

healing and rescue were simply part of the calling to be a good neighbour.

Those arguments didn't, of course, carry much weight with the German occupying power. As a Belgian resident, she was charged with treason, an offence which carried a death penalty. Her trial was widely reported, and there were many diplomatic moves made on her behalf, especially by the Americans (then neutrals in the conflict), but they fell on deaf ears. She was found guilty and sentenced to death. On 12th October 1915, at the age of 49, she was executed by a firing squad, to world-wide condemnation. Nor was Edith Cavell's death to be forgotten. After the War her body was brought back to Britain and a service of commemoration held in Westminster Abbey. Her body was reburied in the grounds of Norwich cathedral, near the village of her birth.

A statue which stands in St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, London commemorates the life of this woman who gave herself totally to her calling – a pioneer of modern nursing methods as well as an heroic war-time figure. The statue records her most famous saying, words which capture the heart of her commitment: 'Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.'

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE TURNS 100

100 years ago this month, on the 16th of September 1915, a small group of women met in Anglesey, and the Women's Institute was born. With the First World War raging, they had priorities: to encourage women to keep the rural communities going, and to produce food.

As the years have gone by, the WI has acted like social jam across the UK – sweetening and enriching the life of rural communities. It has acted like social eggs and flour, combining together women of good intent to produce some excellent community efforts of substance.

Nowadays the WI still excels in excellent food – but also offers classes on everything from floral arrangements to astronomy, dancing to earthquakes. As the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK, with 212,000 members in around 6,600 local WIs, it has a lot to celebrate. See more at: www.thewi.org.uk

Smile Lines

If biblical headlines were written by today's modern media...

On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOUR STRIKE

Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION

Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY

400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS

Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:

ITINERANT PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH

Disciples Mystified Over Behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED

"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE

Local Farmer's Investment Lost



St GILES

St Giles was a hermit, someone who lived a quiet life of prayer away from other people. His special day is 1st September and he lived in a forest near Arles in France, sometime in the 9th century.



The story goes that he had a pet deer. One day the King was hunting in the forest and shot an arrow at this deer.

When the huntsmen found the deer it was in a woodland clearing with St Giles. The saint himself was wounded by the arrow and held the deer in his arms - and all around them were the hunting dogs, silent and still as if held by an invisible power.

St Giles is the patron saint of cripples and beggars. His emblem is an arrow and in the United Kingdom there are over 150 churches dedicated to him.

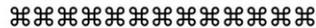


WOODLAND WORDS

Can you find all these words from the forest? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

M U S H R O O M S S
 B H M O S D I A S L
 U A O W T V K A K O
 T F D L Y S S O M O
 T N O G L F S R E T
 E I A K E Y A D G S
 R V Y C G R R E E D
 F S N A K E G W O A
 L M M R O W F O X O
 Y E R O M A C Y S T

* ant * badger * butterfly * deer * fox * grass * holly * ivy * moss * mushrooms * oak * snake * sycamore * toadstools * worm *



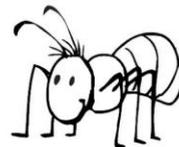
Did you hear about the car with the wooden wheels and wooden engine?

It wooden go.

What is the smallest ant in the world?

An infant.

What do ants take when they're ill?
Antibiotics.



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